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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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1. IRISH EMBASSY BELIEVES CULTURAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS VOTED FUNDS FOR 11 PARTICIPANTS' AIRFARE TO BICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL. THIS DECISION BEING REFERRED TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BEFORE BECOMING OFFICIAL.

2. SMITHSONIAN WISHES EMPHASIZE THESE DELAYS SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZING TOUR ARRANGEMENTS. FURTHERMORE, 11 PARTICIPANTS RATHER THAN REQUESTED 25 MAKES IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SELL GROUP TO SPONSORS OF PERFORMANCES ON TOUR AND REDUCED NUMBER OF PERFORMERS WILL HAVE HARDER TIME FILLING 90-MINUTE PROGRAM, WILL MAKE LESS IMPACT, WILL ACHIEVE LESS EXPOSURE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY EFFORTS TO URGE FULL FUNDING BY COMMITTEE OR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THOUGH SMALLER GROUP WILL BE ACCEPTED IF EFFORTS  
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4. FYI, THERE IS UNUSUAL INTEREST AMONG TOUR CITIES  
IN SPONSORING IRISH PERFORMERS BUT ETHNIC COMMUNITIES  
WANT NAMES AND SPECIALTIES OF ARTISTS BEFORE  
CONFIRMING BOOKINGS. KISSINGER

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